

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 20, 26, 29, 30, 31, 40 and 42 as follows. Please cancel claims 2-6, 9-19, 21-25, 27, 32-39, 41 and 43-46 without prejudice to continued prosecution. The claims and their status are shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated mammalian cell stably infected with [[an]] *Anaplasma* species selected from the group consisting of *A. marginale*, *A. centrale*, *A. bovis*, *A. ovis*, and *A. platys*, wherein said mammalian cell is a nucleated monkey cell.

2-6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn—Currently Amended) The isolated mammalian cell of claim 1, wherein said mammalian monkey cell is an endothelial cell.

8. (Withdrawn—Currently Amended) The isolated mammalian cell of claim 7, wherein said cell is selected from the group consisting of a bovine corneal endothelial cell, a rhesus monkey microvascular endothelial cell, a human umbilical vascular endothelial cell, and a human microvascular endothelial cell.

9-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method of making a mammalian cell that is stably infected with [[an]] *Anaplasma* species selected from the group consisting of *A. marginale*, *A. centrale*, *A. bovis*, *A. ovis*, and *A. platys*, said method comprising contacting a nucleated mammalian monkey cell with said *A. marginale* *Anaplasma* species to produce a mammalian cell stably infected with said *A. marginale* *Anaplasma* species.

21-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for propagating [[an]] *Anaplasma* species selected from the group consisting of *A. marginale*, *A. centrale*, *A. bovis*, *A. ovis*, and *A. platys*, said method comprising contacting a nucleated mammalian monkey cell with said *A. marginale* *Anaplasma* species to produce a mammalian monkey cell stably infected with said *A. marginale* *Anaplasma* species, and culturing said stably infected mammalian monkey cell.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein said *A. marginale* is obtained from tick cells or red blood cells.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein said mammalian monkey cell is an endothelial cell or a Vero cell.

30. (Withdrawn—Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein said mammalian cell is ~~selected from the group consisting of a bovine corneal endothelial cell, a rhesus monkey microvascular endothelial cell, a human umbilical vascular endothelial cell, and a human microvascular endothelial cell.~~

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein said A. marginale *Anaplasma* species is propagated for at least 8 weeks.

32-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method for obtaining [[an]] *Anaplasma* species ~~selected from the group consisting of A. marginale, A. centrale, A. bovis, A. ovis, and A. platys,~~ said method comprising culturing a nucleated mammalian monkey cell stably infected with said A. marginale *Anaplasma* species, and isolating said A. marginale *Anaplasma* species from said mammalian monkey cell.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein said A. marginale *Anaplasma* species is cultured under conditions in which said A. marginale is [[an]] attenuated *Anaplasma* species.

43-46. (Canceled)